

**REMARKS**  
(37 C.F.R. 1.116)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are presently pending before the Office. No claims have been canceled. Claims 3 and 5 have been further amended to correct Formulas (IV) and (V). These Examiner is requested to incorporate by reference the arguments raised in Applicant's communication filed December 23, 2003.

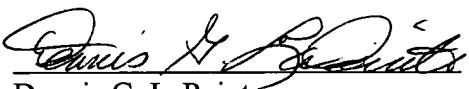
**CONCLUSION**

If based on the above arguments, the Examiner has a further suggestion for amending the claims so as to overcome the cited references, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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